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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a six-count indictment¹ charging that on December 19, 2007, Dante Sanders, Thomas Rose, and Theodore Smith conspired to and obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, by robbery, in that they unlawfully took and obtained, and aided and abetted the unlawful taking and obtaining of, money from the Dunkin Donuts store located at 1325 East Washington Lane in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania while using and carrying one or more firearms. In addition, Donte Sanders is charged with robbing the Dunkin Donuts store located at 1630 Wadsworth Avenue in Philadelphia on October 3, 2007, as well as the 7-Eleven convenience store, located at 7720 Ogontz Avenue in Philadelphia on June 13, 2008 and June 16, 2007.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Donte Sanders	Philadelphia, PA	19
Thomas Rose	Philadelphia, PA	20
Theodore Smith	Philadelphia, PA	21

If convicted, Donte Sanders faces a statutory maximum of lifetime imprisonment, including a 7 year mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, a \$1,500,000 fine, 5 years supervised release, and a \$600 special assessment. Thomas Rose and Theodore Smith would face a statutory maximum of lifetime imprisonment, including a 7 year mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, a \$750,000 fine, 5 years supervised release, and a \$300 special assessment.

¹ An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney William L. Inden.

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